



Dear Parents,

As last week was the first week of advent, we lit the first candle on our advent crown, to symbolise hope. We thought of our hopes for exciting Christmas presents and then we thought about our hopes for others. The children wrote a hope for Christmas on a piece of paper and these will be hung on the Christmas tree in the hall to remind us of our ideas. The children always amaze us with how thoughtful they are about others, their hopes included: the plight of refugees from Afghanistan; their hopes for climate change; their thoughts about children who live in poverty or with disabilities and their hopes for families and friends.

Pantomime Trip

The children are really looking forward to their trip to the Drill Hall next week to see the pantomime, Aladdin. The theatre have been in touch to let us know about their Covid measures. All staff (theatre and school staff) will be wearing masks, unless medically exempt. Theatre staff will be testing using lateral flow devices every three days and will be socially distancing from school staff and pupils. The performance will go ahead unless government guidance changes before Wednesday.

Staffing News

We are sorry to inform you that Mrs Loftus will be leaving us at Christmas. She is a much valued member of staff who will be sadly missed. She has been offered the opportunity of working in higher education, teaching floristry, which is her former career. It was an opportunity that she couldn't pass up and we know she will be brilliant at it!

We have been fortunate enough to be able to fund her employment using our additional Covid Catch-Up money which has ensured that Key Stage 2 pupils have been able to enjoy the luxury of smaller, single age-group classes since the return to school after the last lockdown. This has been of great benefit and has given children in Key Stage 2 a boost that has helped them regain learning losses. From January, maths will be taught in normal class groups with the support of teaching assistants, as it was previously. I will teach the Pandas class on a Wednesday when Mrs Botham is not working.

British Legion

We managed to raise £127.70 for the British Legion through selling poppy-related items a few weeks ago. Many thanks for your support.

Dates

DECEMBER

6th – Film Club

8th – Whole school trip to Pantomime

17th – Last day of term; Christmas Service at Church, 9am

JANUARY

7th - Young Voices, Sheffield

21st – Game of Actual Life – Pandas Class

MARCH

22nd / 24th – Parents' Evenings (**Please note change of date!**)

MAY

9th - 12th - Y6 SATs tests

18th - 20th – Year 5/6 Residential

JULY

22nd - end of term

*small number of children participating – separate communication to be sent out via Parentmail.

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Class Learning

Pandas class have been writing instructions this week for their revolving cam toys. They have made some fabulous planet-related models as part of the Design and Technology curriculum.

The White Tigers class have been completing their cherry blossom paintings using watercolours. They have also completed their willow lanterns and structures which are now displayed at the front of school ready to light the path of any parents or carers coming to school for the nativity performance next week.

The Polar Bears have been naming parts of the body and finding out about animal categorisation. Years 1s have been finishing their fact files about polar bears.

The Leopards class have been studying a magical story about toys and story-mapping their own ideas along the same lines.

Updates to Covid Risk Assessment in the light of Omicron Variant

Following school guidance published on 2nd December, I have updated our Covid-19 Risk Assessment to reflect this. This is available on the school website.

Changes include visitors to school being required to wear face masks from tomorrow. Face masks are not recommended for primary children except on dedicated or public transport. Staff are not recommended to wear face masks in the classroom and bubbles are not to be reinstated meaning that children can still mix for lunchtimes etc. as previously although this will be reviewed in the case of an outbreak. School staff will wear masks at the gate from tomorrow although they are not needed for outside, this is so that if you need to speak to them and come closer than 2 metres, they will provide some protection.

For the sake of our school staff, we would kindly ask that parents who need to speak to a school member of staff at the gate, or who come into school, please wear a facemask.

Additional rules over self-isolation in the case of a suspected Omicron variant case apply regardless of vaccination status and will be following advice from NHS Track and Trace for those individuals.

We have also taken this opportunity to remind children about the importance of handwashing in school using hot water and soap.

School Meals



A reminder please that you need to set up your account for Good Lookin' Cookin', our new school meal provider from January. You will need to order, and pay for, all meals on this site from next term. Please ask your child if they are sitting 'A' or 'B': the A sitting eats first; the B sitting goes out to play first.

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Active Travel Link Reminder:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4I_ewOP1L06Lz_HFSzji0fKIOtWtvhGse87nNu9SDBUOVhNOU4ySVpDSzBZUEVONVhPRIMyS1BUMi4u

Values Points and Celebration Assembly

10th December	Pandas and Leopards sharing work Values Awards for all classes
17th December	Christmas Service at St Helen's 9am

Parents will be contacted via Parentmail on the Wednesday of the week in which their child will receive a Values Award, please note this does not include the 25 Values Point certificates.